Statement-II

District-wise position of SHGs Passed Grade II and Economically Assisted under SGSY in Chhattisgarh since 2002-03 to 2005-06

(in Number)

SI.No.	District	SHGs Passed Grade II	SHGs Economicaly Assisted
1	2	3	4
1.	Bastar	250	295
2.	Bilaspur	312	279
3.	Dantewada	114	34
4.	Dhamtari	202	121
5.	Durg	305	254
6.	Janjgir-Champa	304	262
7.	Jashpur	239	198
8.	Kanker	226	292
9.	Kawardha	38	31
10.	Korba	67	91
11.	Koriya	103	76
12.	Mahasamund	595	440
13.	Raigarh	344	330
14.	Raipur	272	224
15.	Rajnandgaon	198	185
16.	Surguja	241	191
	TOTAL:	3812	3303

Allotment of funds under NREGA

3476. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allotted funds for all 200 districts under NREGA;

(b) the amount released upto the 31st March, 2006;

(c) whether Government have instructed the State Government to maintain register of the educated unemployed youths in these districts alongwith the list of others; and

(d) the programme suggested for these educated unemployed youths?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) Funds have been released in respect of ail the 200 identified districts for implementation of NREG Act. An amount of Rs. 236756.74 lakh had been released to these districts upto 31st March, 2006.

(c) and (d) The NREG Act guarantees 100 days of wage employment to every rural household for unskilled manual work on demand. Employment to educated unemployed youths does not fall within the purview of this Act.

Assessment of BPL families in Uttaranchal

3477. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the method and the criteria for assessing a BPL person or a family in hilly and most backward area in Uttaranchal;

(b) whether this assessment is being done every year and how the common people are informed about it;

(c) whether there is any increase or decrease in BPL persons/families in the State of Uttaranchal during last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (d) The Estimation of Poverty in the country including the hilly and backward areas is done by the Planning Commission through the quinquennial Sample Survey of Consumption Expenditure carried out by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). The Planning Commission has defined, poverty in terms of the per capita monthly expenditure corresponding to per capita daily calorie requirement of 2400 in rural areas and 2100 in urban areas. The poverty line defined in this way covers the